

Section 102 Rejections:

In the Office Action, claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Beetsen (US 5,877,745). Applicant respectfully traverses the Section 102(b) rejections.

With regard to independent claim 1, Applicant notes that this claim recites a display monitor that includes circuitry for enabling data communication with a first peripheral device for user control of a functionality of the display monitor in the stand-alone mode, and for data communication between the first peripheral and a data processing system via the monitor when the monitor is in the further operational mode and connected to the system and the first peripheral.

In contrast, Beetsen generally describes a display device configured to operate in an operational mode such that the display device functions as a peripheral device to a PC and also passes data between the PC and other peripheral devices connected to the display device. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that the teachings of Beetsen are limited to an operational mode of a display monitor that provides for control of the display monitor as a peripheral to a PC and for data communication between the PC and another peripheral device via the display monitor, and therefore, fails to teach or suggest an additional stand-alone mode of the display monitor that provides for data communication with the peripheral device for user control of a functionality of the display monitor as recited in claim 1. In other words, the display device described in Beetsen merely passes data between the PC and the other peripheral devices for user control of the PC or the other peripheral devices, but the display device cannot operate in a separate stand-alone mode were the same peripheral device controls a functionality of the display device itself independent of the PC. Applicant notes that embodiments of claim 1 provide certain advantages over the display device described in Beetsen by allowing both the display device and the peripheral device to operate in an operational mode as peripheral devices to a PC and to be re-used in a stand-alone mode for purposes of controlling the display device for other purposes without the need to couple the display device to the PC. Therefore, because Beetsen fails to teach or suggest claim 1, Applicant respectfully requests that the Section 102(b) rejections with respect to claim 1 and all claims dependent thereon be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-5 are in condition for allowance. Applicant, accordingly, respectfully requests that a notice of allowance be issued with respect to claims 1-5.

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**VERSION OF CLAIM AMENDMENTS SHOWING CHANGES MADE**

Please amend claims 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) The monitor of claim 2, wherein the further circuitry is operative to automatically set the monitor [under control of] in the further operational mode when detecting the monitor being connected to the data processing system.